

**Application for
Down Under, Out Yonder
2006 Educator Workshop**
Sponsored by the Gulf of Mexico Foundation and the FGBNMS

Saturday, June 24 – Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Submit to: Attn: Educator Workshop
Flower Garden Banks NMS
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Application must be received by close of business February 24, 2006
Participants will be selected and notified the week of March 13, 2006.

Workshop Fee of \$250 due after acceptance to the program.

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL BLANKS ON THIS APPLICATION AND WRITE YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF EVERY PAGE.

1. PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address (where you prefer your workshop information be mailed if you are accepted):

Work Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____

Name of School (or institution): _____

City & State of School (or institution): _____

Grades and subjects taught (audiences reached): _____

Approximate number of students you teach (audience reached) in a year: _____
(This is for our records only; we are looking for **quality** as much, or more than, quantity.)

Name _____

2. THE SELECTION PROCESS:

Applications will be reviewed (with applicant names blacked out) and rated by a committee of three people. Only one of them will be an educator by profession, so remember to limit buzzwords. For example, most non-educators won't know what "integrated classroom" means.

After the committee ranks all of the applications, the Gulf of Mexico Foundation dive team will review the full workshop applicants for dive experience, beginning with the highest ranking. If the team determines that an applicant's dive experience is insufficient to comfortably dive the Flower Garden Banks, the application will be removed from consideration.

The top 18 workshop candidates will be placed on the roster first. Candidates 19-22 will be listed as alternates and notified of their standing. All candidates will be notified of their selection the week of March 13th.

All candidates selected for the workshop will be required to submit a medical history form and a physical examination form (including a mandatory electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG), chest x-ray, and blood test). All physical examinations and forms must be completed and signed by a physician between June 29, 2005 and June 23, 2006. Alternates may also wish to do this so they can be available in the event of last minute cancellations .

The Gulf of Mexico Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any candidate based on the results of the physical, medical history and/or insufficient dive experience.

3. REQUIRED ESSAY:

Briefly describe how you plan to incorporate the knowledge and skills you expect to gain from this field experience into your current curriculum. *Please limit your description to one side of a letter size paper and type your response. We know it's hard to be specific when you haven't yet had the course, but if you have ideas for specific activities or approaches, please list them. Remember, this is the primary basis for selection.*

At a minimum, you should address the following questions:

- If you teach science, do you currently have a marine unit? Does it include coral reef ecosystems? If so, how will you use this experience to enhance your existing unit(s)? Be as specific as possible.
- If you teach a marine science/biology class, does it include coral reef ecosystems? If so, how will you use this experience to enhance your existing unit(s)?
- If you have no marine or coral reef unit(s), do you expect to develop one as a result of this experience? How long will the unit be?
- Will you be working with teachers of other subjects to incorporate your new knowledge into their programs as well?
- If you are NOT a science teacher, how will you incorporate this experience into the subject(s) you teach?
- Will you be working with science teachers to incorporate your knowledge into their units as well as your own?
- If you do not teach in a traditional classroom setting, how often will you use the knowledge of coral reef ecosystems and issues you gain through this experience? After gaining this knowledge, are you willing to commit to giving a specific number of Flower Garden Banks programs at your facility, or in other schools/facilities? How many?

Please attach a typed response to your application.

Name _____

Total Number of Dives: _____ Date of Last Dive: _____

Number of Dives in Last 12 months: _____

Number of Dives in Last 5 years: _____

How many of these were conducted in open/salt water? _____

If none, when was your last open/salt water dive? _____

Maximum Dive Depth: _____ Maximum Dive Depth in last 12 months: _____

Please indicate the approximate number of dives completed in all areas in which you have some diving experience:

___ Saltwater	___ Visibility >20'	___ Depth 0-60'	___ Large Boat (>=70')
___ Fresh water	___ Visibility 1-20'	___ Depth 61-100'	___ Small Boat (<70')
___ Aquarium	___ Visibility 0'	___ Depth 101-130'	___ Giant Stride Entry
___ Blue Water	___ Strong Current	___ Depth >130'	___ Shore/Beach Entry
___ Night	___ High Seas	___ Nitrox	___ Heavy Surf Entry
___ Coral Reef	___ Offshore (no land in sight)	___ Dive Computer	___ Pier/Dock Entry

Additional Dive Experience:

(i.e. cold water, scientific, military, underwater photography, research, search & recovery, etc.)

How would you rate yourself in comfort and confidence when diving in strenuous conditions?

Geographic Locations where you have been diving (i.e. Mexico, Bahamas, Hawaii, etc.):

Name: _____

Please be honest here! We need to be able to plan for our participants to ensure everyone has a **safe** and enjoyable experience at the Flower Gardens.

6. DIVE LOG:

Use this page to describe experience that qualifies you to handle the conditions described in #4 and complete the underwater tasks you will be expected to perform. You should include as much **variety** from your experience as possible. **Please also include your five most recent dives.**

DATE	MAX. DEPTH	LOCATION	ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (e.g. visibility, current, surface conditions, etc.)